



# COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MARCH 22, 2015

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Warm temperatures accelerated development of winter wheat while dry conditions were experienced throughout much of Colorado, leading to some concern of moisture stress. Precipitation occurred in localized fashion primarily within the eastern and southeastern districts, where topsoil moisture supply has been lacking. Indications are that field activity has been stalled within the San Luis Valley due to wet conditions. As of March 23, mountain snowpack statewide was 80 percent of average. The Southwest and San Luis Valley were 69 and 77 percent of average, respectively. Stored feed supplies were rated 2 percent very short, 4 percent short, 79 percent adequate, and 15 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was 1 percent heavy, 60 percent average and 39 percent light. Cattle death loss was 1 percent heavy, 84 percent average, and 15 percent light.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley planted .....	1	--	4	11
Cows calved .....	50	39	52	52
Ewes lambled .....	35	27	42	40
Onions planted .....	1	--	5	11
Spring wheat planted .....	1	--	1	7
Sugarbeets planted .....	3	1	2	1
Winter Wheat Pastured.....	13	12	4	6

(NA) – not available

(--) - zero

### PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Pasture and Range				
Very poor .....	5	5	9	17
Poor .....	38	38	24	22
Fair .....	24	21	36	32
Good.....	30	33	30	27
Excellent.....	3	3	1	2

(NA) – not available

### DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Days suitable for fieldwork .....	6.1	5.9	5.2	4.7
Topsoil moisture				
Very short.....	8	6	12	17
Short.....	27	26	36	30
Adequate .....	64	67	49	50
Surplus .....	1	1	3	3
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	16	14	24	23
Short.....	36	35	31	32
Adequate .....	46	49	43	43
Surplus .....	2	2	2	2

(NA) – not available

(--)- zero

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Commodity	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Livestock.....	0	3	23	65	9
Winter wheat .....	1	10	34	50	5

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